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## GEORGETOWN BOY TEAM BALKS AT ACCEPTING BIT OF BASEBALL HARD LUCK

By R. D. THOMAS.

If the National youngsters of Georgetown fail to place a team on the field today for a scheduled game with the Warwicks in section B of the midget class in the independent sandlot series the only result will be the forfeiture of the game.

This is the answer of the series executive committee to Manager Hines, of the Nationals, who said last night he did not feel the boys were justified in engaging the Warwicks in the play-off of a tie contest. The title of the section hinges on the scheduled game.

Baseball hard luck resulted in the Nationals' dissatisfaction. The Georgetown boys seemed assured of the section title until several teams were thrown out on ineligibility charges, and when the standings were rearranged accordingly the Warwicks were on almost even terms with the Nationals.

As the two teams stand now the Nationals are credited with two victories and no defeat, and the Warwicks have one win and one loss. Thus today would give the section championship to the Nationals, and a victory for the Warwicks would necessitate another game to decide the title.

Sandlot fans who have followed the midget series are hoping the Nationals will stick to the finish. The Georgetown youngsters have proved to be a fighting young team, and it was something of a surprise when they balked at accepting an unlucky break. The big game is scheduled to be played on the Union Station plaza field with Joe Handiboe umpiring.

Gibralters and Emeralds will clash tomorrow on the Union Station plaza field in a game having important bearing on the championship of Section A of the unlimited class. A victory for the Gibralters would give them the title and a loss would create a tie with the Westovers for first place.

**Favor Westovers.**  
This game also will be the play-off of a tie and should be a hot battle. A ruction arose between the Gibralters and Emeralds when they met last, and it is known that the Emeralds, out of the race themselves, are anxious to see the Westovers triumph in the end over the Gibralters.

Two important contests are listed for today in Section A of the junior class. The Aztecs, leading with four straight wins, will take on the strong Clover Club, which is third in the standing, and the Independents, second with four games won and one lost, will meet the Park View team at Tenleytown. Thus, if the Aztecs lose and the Independents win, the latter will take the lead.

### SUBURBAN NETMEN OFF FOR SHORE TOURNAMENT

Several Suburban Tennis League players are leaving Washington this week to participate in the Eastern Shore tennis tournament which will be played at Easton, Md., on Labor Day.

Despite the exodus of the Dowds, Bentons, Price, Foster, Howenstein, and others the Suburban League tournament will run merrily along. Matches arranged in doubles will be played whenever possible, according to Billy Soenne, in charge of the affair.

The drawings are as follows:  
First round—Dyer-McCathran vs. Burwell-Hills; K. Callan-H. Callan vs. Foster-partner; Kislik-Torpey vs. R. Howenstein-Slanker; C. Dowd-Spencer vs. Holmsted-partner; Metzler-Somerkamp vs. Mangan-partner; King-Hoffman vs. Shepard-Clary; Beale-Buckingham vs. Stellwagen-partner; Seward-Brown vs. Mayfield-Benton.

Second round (those drew bye): R. Ballenger-partner vs. Minix-Edwards; Hixon-Knapp vs. Johnson-partner; Fowler-W. Ballenger vs. Newby-Clark; O. Howenstein-E. Dowd vs. Beadle-partner.

### ARLINGTON COUNTY CLUBS START SERIES SUNDAY

Competition will start Sunday in the series for the sandlot championship of Arlington county. In Section A of the series, the Arlington and Ballston clubs will meet at Arlington and Falls Church. All will play at Del Ray.

In Section B, Clarendon will play Capricio at Clarendon and Cherrydale and Glen Carlyn will clash at Cherrydale.

The Capricio-Clarendon contest will start at 10 a. m., the others at 3 p. m.

### EMERALD A. C. ELECTS FOOTBALL OFFICERS

Emerald A. C. expects to place a strong football team in the field this fall. Jack Beavers has been elected president of the eleven; Allan Swan, treasurer; Frank Farrell, secretary; Robert Cole, manager, and Jim Mackelfish, captain.

Says "SKILLET"

## Finn, Esq.

Team Has Been Since Last April Getting to Fourth Place—Good Coffee Grounds Sink Fast.

By SKILLET FINN.

(Batting for Kirk Miller.)

Washington now holds fourth place to the popeyed exclusion of every other club in the league—if that's anything to cheer about.

Emerging from the delirium of a two-day clinic with the Babe Ruth Yankees wielding the scalpel, the Griffins feel like a typhoid patient recovering from the effects of other. The strain of falling out of an upper berth into the aisle was making nervous wrecks out of what's left of McBride's Wardman Park banquet.

There's nothing more disconcerting on professional ball grounds than not being certain where they stand. All day yesterday the agile athletes clamped under the evil influence of existing between a shiver and a sweat, but today they can look the St. Louis Browns in the tail-lamp and say "the road is yours."

**GOOD GROUNDS SETTLE TO BOTTOM OF CUP.**  
Good coffee grounds settle to the bottom fast, and that's why we're at the muddy end of the first division pond. Team is so far down it has to use a periscope to see whether the Indians are winning or losing. Stylish position of the Garlicky Griffiths proves that water isn't the only thing that will find its level.

No team in the league has had such a tough time getting settled. Like a man crouching over a nest full of bad eggs the club can only sit tight for the next three weeks and see what happens. The pitchers are all O. K. except for their arms. The batters are good with everything but the eyes, and the base runners don't need a thing only two legs. With these three exceptions the team looks like it will be able to stagger through the season.

**CHILD SEEMS TO LIKE BAD MEDICINE.**  
As a combination, we can't beat a kid for finding bad medicine. Those boys must have been brought up on paragon. Broken doses of castor oil and crude petroleum bring a smile to their jaws that makes punishment look like a daily novelty.

Soft way to earn your cookies, say we. All the boys have to do is to wake up in the morning, suppress a couple of dozen yawns, devour a bowl of peaches and cream and yapp around the hotel until lunch time. Then they are ready for the afternoon's self-inflicted suicide. It's a great life, but you'd better not hurt their heads always butting them up against a granite wall.

Anyway, they can look the world in the spine today and deny everything. They claim to fourth place, which they've been since last April stooping to.

### NO-HIT, NO-RUN CLASH FOR NEW HAVEN HURLER

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 1.—Frank Woodward, former National League pitcher, and leading moundman of the Eastern League, twirled a no-hit, no-run game for New Haven yesterday, defeating Waterbury, 10 to 0.

It was Woodward's twenty-third victory this season. Only thirty-one batters faced him, five of them reaching first base and none getting to second. Woodward struck out six men and walked four.

### BROOKLAND TO PLAY SHAMROCKS SUNDAY

Brookland A. C. will tackle the Shamrocks, champions of Section B of the unlimited class in the independent sandlot series, in a game Sunday at Randle Highlands.

Johnny Holden will pitch for Brookland and probably Humphrey for the Shamrocks. The contest will start at 3 o'clock.

### Challenge Linworths.

Star A. C. challenges the Linworth Midgets, champions of Section B in the midget class of the independent series. A. Hinkle, phone North 5331, is the manager.

### Will Play Two.

The Winston A. C. will play a double-header Sunday, September 4, on the Roseade playgrounds. First game with the Benning A. C. to be called at 1:30 p. m. sharp, and the second with the U. S. Shipping Board at 3:30 p. m. All players report on the field promptly at 1 p. m.

### Boston Buys Hurler.

FLINT, Mich., Sept. 1.—Announcement was made today of the sale of Sam Dodge, star pitcher of the Flint club, of the Michigan-Ontario League, to the Boston Red Sox. The purchase price is said to have been the highest ever paid for a pitcher out of this league.

### Will Play in Mexico.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 1.—The Dallas and San Antonio clubs of the Texas League have closed a contract with promoters in Mexico City to play a six-game series there the week of September 26. It was announced here today.

### Early Basketball Start.

Indications are that the newly reorganized Eastern Basketball League will open its fall winter season the second week in October, this being the earliest start the league ever made.

## Penny Ante "THE LOSERS ARGUE IT OUT" By Jean Knott



## Mile. Lenglen Plays Benefit Sets Next Monday

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Mile. Suzanne Lenglen, French tennis star, will play her first exhibition match for the benefit of devastated France at the Meadow Club, Southampton, next Monday, according to an announcement today.

Her opponent will be chosen from among Mrs. Molla Mallory, Miss Mary K. Browne, Mrs. Jay Sutton Bundy, Mrs. Marion Jessup and Miss Eleanor Goss.

## TENNIS DRAWINGS MADE FOR POTOMAC PARK TOURNAY

At a meeting of the Potomac Park Tennis Club on Wednesday evening, August 31, a draw was taken for singles and doubles in a coming tennis tournament to be held by the club the first week of September.

A silver cup will be awarded to the winner in singles and appropriate trophies to the winners in doubles.

The draw was as follows: Singles. Upper bracket—J. S. Rutley vs. Fred Bradford; S. J. Sugar vs. E. M. Byrne; B. H. Shepley vs. P. D. Chapman; P. Primm vs. G. E. Johnson; L. J. Zelts vs. M. D. Rathgeber; J. B. Rawlings vs. Dr. V. Matejka; F. V. Sicker vs. A. M. Chreitberg; George Coale vs. P. P. Reiney. Lower bracket—Don Slicker vs. G. R. Ericson; J. G. Hilton vs. J. M. Trice; A. A. Balduis vs. A. J. Larson; H. C. Ames vs. W. A. Maidens; D. McC. Ramsay vs. H. G. O'Bar; H. G. McCutchin vs. W. H. Flannery; M. R. Daniels vs. J. E. Stauffer.

Doubles. Upper bracket—P. P. Reiney-A. M. Chreitberg vs. M. D. Rathgeber-D. Slicker; F. J. Kelly-N. H. Sanborn vs. Rob. Newby-J. Rutley; L. J. Zelts-A. A. Balduis vs. Dr. V. Matejka-Martin; W. A. Maidens-H. C. Ames vs. J. C. Hammack-J. Rawlings. Lower bracket—J. M. Trice-R. M. Chamberlin vs. M. R. Daniels-H. Primm; W. H. Flannery-B. H. Shepley vs. G. R. Ericson-D. McC. Ramsay; S. J. Sugar-I. W. Friedman vs. P. D. Chapman-H. E. Martin; H. G. O'Bar-H. G. McCutchin vs. G. P. Dunn-G. F. Harbin.

## JOHNNY WILSON ON LONG END OF BETTING ODDS

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Johnny Wilson will be a favorite to defeat Bryan Downey when they meet at Jersey City, Labor Day, according to indications in betting circles today. Both boxers are in the midst of hard training for the bout.

Promoter Tex Rickard announced that in order to win the diamond-studded belt emblematic of the middleweight championship, and now held by Wilson, Downey will have to score a knockout. Indian Russell will also have to win from Johnny Buff by the knockout route if he is to annex the flyweight belt.

## BOSTON COLLEGE HOLDS GRIDIRON PRACTICE SEPT. 6

Coach Cavanaugh Has Many Holes to Plug in His Machine.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 1.—Coach Cavanaugh, of Boston College, has issued his official call for practice, and the Maroon and Gold athletes will get busy next week. The first workout at University Heights will be held the day after Labor Day, and notices have been served on the veterans to appear ready for practice on that occasion. All prospective candidates, also, are being requested to register, and give the director a chance to get a line on his material.

Many of Cav's veterans have left college, and a lot of holes have to be plugged in the regular machine. The early start is necessitated by the scheduling of a game with Baylor University in Texas for October 15.

This contest will give Texans their first chance to get a real line on Northern football, and Coach Cavanaugh is anxious to have his best material ready for the game. Practice will be held daily at University Heights. The season starts October 1, with a game with Boston University.

## Frock May Be Manager.

Sammy Frock, one-time Boston National leaman, and who has been in independent ranks for the last three years, is being mentioned as the next manager of the Binghamton New York State League club.

## Stanislaw Zbyszko, World's Heavyweight Wrestling Champion, Has Been Sailed for Spain on the Steamship America.

He is to meet every heavyweight matman Spain boasts of before coming back to America for the winter campaign.

## A TONIC FOR GOLFERS

Prescribed by JOCK HUTCHISON. British Open Champion and American Professional Champion

## Fit Your Grip to Your Hands,

Some things that appear to be the least important in the game of golf are in the end the most essential to success. Take for example the way the club is held. Golfers refer to this as the grip, and from one end of your golf career to the other it is the cause of no little worry. Champions as well as duffers have ruined their chances of playing better golf by lack of knowledge on this subject.

The best golfers have been experimenting with the grip for years but not all are agreed to any one single way of holding the club. There is one general grip that has been universally adopted by the pros on both sides of the Atlantic, but there are many variations of it. I refer to the famous Vardon grip, as it is called. This is the grip with which the average good player can get the best results. And it is safe to say that nine out of ten pros use it. It is not so popular among the amateurs.

It consists of taking the club firmly in the left hand, gripping with the fingers and permitting the thumb to lie on top of the shaft, which will allow it to nestle snugly in the palm of the right hand. The right hand takes hold of the club with the first three fingers, the little finger resting on top of the first finger of the left hand. The thumb and forefinger are used as the principal means of control. The thumb is not on top of the shaft, but slightly to the side. If you will take hold of the club in this manner and practice with this grip for a while, you will begin to realize the reasons for using it.

With the first finger and thumb, one is able to put the delicate touch into the stroke. The first finger leaves the others a little and goes forward to pinch the club, as it were. The idea of overlapping with the little finger is to bring the hands as close together as possible. You cannot hold a golf club the same as you would a baseball bat. The club and arms should be as nearly one piece as possible with the hands and wrists serving as hinges. Looking down on this grip from the top, the knuckles of either hand would hardly be in sight.

**Vardon Adopted Grip.**  
This is the Vardon grip, but strange to say it was not originated by Harry. Few golfers know that the first professional to use the overlapping grip was a Scotch player named John Geddes. He had hands so large that he could not manage them on the handle of the club without wrapping part of the right hand around the left.

He was not a great golfer, but played some in the open events. Vardon was the first player to notice his peculiar style and immediately saw where it would be of great benefit to his game. He adopted this grip and stuck to it. Hence it was called after him.

I am going to make a confession. My grip is not what you would call the correct Vardon grip, but a variation of it. I overlap with two fingers instead of one—otherwise it is just the same. I do this because my hands are rather large and I feel that I can get enough of the right hand on the club by using the first two fingers and the thumb. In fact, it is really the first finger and the thumb that is important.

I am not going to advise my pupils to adopt my grip, nor the regulation Vardon grip, unless their hands are fairly large and strong. Many women golfers make a mistake in trying to

use this grip and so do many men players who have short fingers. There is the two-V grip which is very useful and a great many good amateurs use it. The club is held with all fingers touching the shaft, the first finger and thumb of both hands forming a V on the top of the shaft. Then there is the interlocking grip. This is made by interlocking the little finger of the right with the first finger of the left hand. With this grip the thumb does not touch the right shaft, but the right thumb rests on the left thumb on the shaft at all. His first finger of the left is over the little finger of the right also.

**A Grip For Putting.**  
Some time ago many pros began to reverse the overlapping grip. This meant that the club was taken possession of by the right hand with all fingers gripping and the left hand with the first finger overlapping the little finger of the left, the thumb in the same position.

This is an excellent idea, for some players who do not hit hand through the ball with their right. Some of our best players put this way. Among them is Walter Hagen, who is regarded as a fine putter with good control over the ball at all times.

Then there is Walter J. Travis, than whom there is none better. Travis has won many championships with his putting. He adopted this style and thinks there is no better one. Those who putt well with one hand commanding will find this a good idea and well worth giving a trial.

There is no set way of holding a club that would suit all golfers. In general, the closer the hands are together the better. One of the worst grips imaginable is to put the left hand in front of the right. This is preposterous, but nevertheless some players do it and are regarded as fair golfers.

An article was once written on the Vardon grip explaining it in detail, but the printer made a mistake and it read:

"See that the little finger of the right is overlapping the little finger of the left," which, of course, would be foolish, but some one wrote in and said he had tried the new grip and had never putted better in his life. (Copyright, 1921, by Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

**Zbyszko Goes to Spain.**  
Stanislaw Zbyszko, world's heavyweight wrestling champion, has been sailed for Spain on the steamship America. He is to meet every heavyweight matman Spain boasts of before coming back to America for the winter campaign.

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